

A Statewide ***"DROP, COVER and HOLD"*** Drill will be an important part of the 2005 Disaster Preparedness Month Activities

This drill will remind Washingtonians what to do when the ground starts to shake.

Statewide Earthquake Drill

April 21, 2005 9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.



**WASHINGTON MILITARY
DEPARTMENT**

Emergency Management Division



For more information about earthquake safety, contact your local emergency management office or the state Disaster Preparedness Month Coordinator at (253) 512-7047

- Plan to conduct a drill at home, at school, and at work. Remember, the drill is for everyone in Washington state.
- Between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., imagine that an earthquake is occurring. DROP under a sturdy desk or table, COVER your head, and HOLD on to the desk or table until the drill message is complete (about 30 seconds).
- To encourage participation, display announcements about the drill well in advance. A poster to promote the drill is included in this packet. One side of the poster is designed for April 21. The other side includes space for an alternate day.
- Use the drill as a springboard to discuss other essential earthquake safety actions with family, friends, students and co-workers.
- Listen for the drill message. In case of a communications interruption, or in the event you are unable to participate in the drill on April 21, broadcast your own message over your facility's public address system or use a different signal, such as a bell or whistle. If you use a signal other than the radio, make certain everyone knows what signal will be used.

Radio and TV Broadcasts

Washington radio and television stations are urged to promote the statewide earthquake drill and broadcast the drill via the Emergency Alert System (EAS) between 9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on April 21. Call your local radio or television station to see if they plan to broadcast the "Drop, Cover and Hold" message.



If you are unable to participate on April 21

If you are unable to participate in the statewide earthquake drill on April 21, select another day and time convenient for your family, business or school. Practice the correct procedures to take when the ground shakes